

## OIL LAND DUMMIES DUMB ON PROFITS

Still Others Admit They Got  
Pittance Out of McMurtry  
Fortune.

"When is a dummy not a dummy?" This was the question asked yesterday at the preliminary hearings on the Government's \$25,000,000 oil lands suit, when Dr. Charles W. Gardiner of Chicago was questioned about his connections with L. H. McMurtry, the promoter who located claims on the California oil tract.

Dr. Gardiner denied that he came under the classification ascribed by Special Prosecutors Frank Hall and Charles E. Hanel to the rest of the Easterners in whose names McMurtry located his large tracts in the San Joaquin Valley, but nevertheless admitted having parted with his interests in the oil lands for \$100,000, while the promoter to whom he had given his power of attorney had harvested a fortune out of the same property.

Still, Dr. Gardiner said, he would have put money into the property for development purposes had he thought it advisable.

All this was brought out in the course of the proceedings before United States Commissioner Hitchcock to refute the Government's contention that McMurtry went further and thither getting powers of attorney from persons with whom he never had any dealings for the purpose of personally obtaining possession through the Government of the property that is now sought by the navy because of its fuel oil yield.

Different from that of the physician was the testimony of Richard B. Welch, a clerk employed by the New Haven Water Company, who said he had signed the paper with which McMurtry located a valuable claim in his name as a favor to his brother-in-law.

He didn't know what it was all about, he said, for he trusted his brother-in-law and asked no questions. He didn't know anything about oil lands, Government grants or, in fact, anything closely relating to the business which the promoter had in hand, and was totally oblivious to the fortune which his signature was netting some one else. He was given some stocks, he said. He couldn't remember much about them, and he couldn't remember what money he had received.

McMurtry's organization of the Pacific Oil Company, in which he gave himself \$99,997 shares of stock and three other persons one share each, was discussed in the course of the day's proceedings. The tale will be continued this morning.

### FREE MEMBERSHIP OFFER.

Metropolitan Policyholders May Join Life Extension Institute.

Six hundred thousand policyholders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company have received from that company the privilege of a free membership in the Life Extension Institute of 25 West Forty-fifth street.

The institute is a self-supporting philanthropic organization, established to disseminate a knowledge of disease prevention, and the action of the Metropolitan, taken after three years of trial service with a group of 100,000 policyholders, is designed as a patriotic service of great value because of its benefit to the health of a large number of citizens. Those who take advantage of the offer will have the privilege of a thorough physical examination, a report upon it, guidance as to hygienic needs, information on how to improve health and suggestions for medical treatment.

"This offer will have much effect upon the physical health of the country," said Dr. Eugene Layman Plink, medical director of the institute. "It will do much toward arousing interest in disease prevention, in hygienic values and establish an appreciation of how to keep well, methods which will be lasting in effect."

## Weather Forecast

For eastern New York, fair and warmer today; probably fair to-morrow; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds. For New Jersey, fair and warmer today; probably fair and continued warm to-morrow; gentle variable winds. For northern New England, partly overcast and warmer today; unsettled to-morrow; gentle variable winds. For southern New England, fair and warmer today; probably fair to-morrow; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds.

For western New York, fair and warmer today; probably fair to-morrow; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds. For the central States, fair and warmer today; probably fair to-morrow; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds. For the middle Atlantic States, fair and warmer today; probably fair to-morrow; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds.

An area of low pressure covered pretty much all the country west of the Mississippi, with a center showing increasing force and moving eastward. Light rain with some snow was falling in the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and some rain in the central States and on the southern Pacific coast.

In this city the day was fair and becoming warmer; winds fresh northerly; average humidity, 57 per cent; barometer corrected to sea level at 3 A. M., 30.19; 3 P. M., 30.38.

	3 A. M.	6 A. M.	9 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 P. M.	9 P. M.
Barometer	30.19	30.22	30.31	30.38	30.45	30.52	30.59
Humidity	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
Wind-direction	N. W.	N. W.	N. W.	N. W.	N. W.	N. W.	N. W.
Wind-velocity	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Weather	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

	3 A. M.	6 A. M.	9 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	6 P. M.	9 P. M.
3 A. M.	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
6 A. M.	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
9 A. M.	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
12 M.	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
3 P. M.	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
6 P. M.	47	48	49	50	51	52	53
9 P. M.	48	49	50	51	52	53	54

For North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia—Fair to-day and to-morrow.

For Alabama and Mississippi—Fair to-day; probably fair to-morrow.

For Louisiana—Partly cloudy to-day; unsettled to-morrow.

For Arkansas—Generally cloudy to-day; unsettled to-morrow.

For Oklahoma—Generally cloudy to-day; cloudy and cooler to-morrow.

For eastern Texas—Generally cloudy to-day and to-morrow.

For western Texas—Partly cloudy to-day; cooler in the western section; fair and cooler to-morrow.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

At the request of the Administration THE SUN, until further notice, will not print the arrival at and the departure from this port of any vessels in transatlantic, South American or coastwise trade. This involves the cutting out also of outgoing foreign mails.

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Standard Time.  
Sun rises... 5:34 A. M. Sun sets... 6:38 P. M.  
Moon rises... 3:12 A. M. Moon sets... 3:12 P. M.  
HIGH WATER THIS DAY.  
Bandy Hook... 4:40 A. M. Gov. Island... 5:11 A. M.  
Hell Gate... 7:11 A. M.  
LOW WATER THIS DAY.  
Bandy Hook... 11:04 A. M. Gov. Island... 11:35 A. M.  
Hell Gate... 1:34 P. M.

## Railroad Men to Help.

To formulate plans by which members of the Railway Business Association, manufacturers of railway appliances, can help the country meet the war the association's executive committee will meet at noon to-day in the Railroad Club, 30 Church street. George A. Post, president of the association, recently conferred in Washington with Chairman Daniel Willard of the advisory commission to the Council of National Defense about what manufacturers of railway appliances could do. He says that members of the association will not be backward in doing everything they can.

## BANKERS ORGANIZE VIGILANCE BOARD

Will Examine and Report All  
Transactions Suspected for  
German Account.

A vigilance committee of foreign exchange bankers, which will examine and report to the State Department all transactions suspected to be for German account, has been formed at the instance of Secretary Lansing. It was learned yesterday. The committee is composed of representatives of the Guaranty Trust Company, the Equitable Trust Company, the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce.

The committee met for the first time Monday afternoon in the offices of the Equitable Trust Company and organized. Max May, manager of the foreign exchange department of the Guaranty Trust Company, was elected chairman. The other members are George Leblanc, Equitable Trust Company; J. E. Rovinsky, National Bank of Commerce, and J. H. Carter, National City Bank.

Yesterday Mr. May informed Secretary Lansing that the committee was ready to cooperate with the Government in detecting all transactions with the enemy. One of the tasks will be to determine whether gold shipments to certain South American countries are legitimate transactions and do not represent the transfer of enemy funds to countries not at war with Germany.

Secretary Lansing is understood to have received information recently from bankers in this city and from the British Government that certain gold shipments to South America have represented the transfer of gold for German account. The British Government recently forbade banks in South America with English capital to receive any further gold from this country, and still more recently forbade ships under the British flag to carry gold from the United States to South America.

## Farmers Exempt From Juries.

Because of the nation's urgent need of farmers, Supreme Court Justice Moschauer yesterday directed Jury Commissioner John Sells of Westchester county to draw no more farmers or market gardeners as taleymen during the planting season. Computers are expected to find it more difficult to avoid jury duty hereafter.

## ARMY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—These army orders were issued to-day:

Capt. Charles T. Leeds, retired, assigned to station at Los Angeles, Cal., effective upon assumption of duties assigned him by Chief of Engineers.

Special orders March 14 relating to Col. William G. Haan, Coast Artillery, revoked.

First Lieut. Herman Beukema, Third Field Artillery, detailed to fill vacancy in Signal Corps, via First Lieut. Herbert R. Odell, Signal Corps, relieved, and assigned to Third Field Artillery.

Lieut. Col. George H. Paddock, retired, detailed to assume charge of Baltimore recruiting district, relieving Major Charles B. Ewing, retired, who will report to Lieut. Col. Paddock as assistant.

Second Lieut. James B. Hermsdahl, Quartermaster Corps, relieved in Southern Department, report to commanding General, Southeastern Department as assistant to Quartermaster.

Capt. Marcus Correll, Philippine Island Scouts, retired, detailed for general recruiting service, report to recruiting officer, Syracuse, N. Y., as assistant.

First Lieut. Bernard P. Lamb, retired, detailed as acting quartermaster, report to commanding officer, Presidio of San Francisco, for duty as assistant to Quartermaster.

First Lieut. John C. Beatty, Ordnance Department, to Walter Reed Hospital, D. C., for treatment.

First Lieut. Earl M. Price, Fourteenth Infantry, to the retired list and home. Leaves of absence granted: Capt. Charles C. Wynn, Fourteenth Cavalry, extension four months. Second Lieut. Walter R. Mann, Third Infantry, one month. Major Robert H. Drubbs, Medical Corps, one month. Capt. John R. Kelly, Fourth Field Artillery, extension twenty days.

Resignations accepted: Capt. Charles L. Wagner, First Infantry, Illinois National Guard; First Lieut. Charles C. Enders, Twenty-third Infantry, N. Y. N. G.



# Tremendous Sales Increases Again; This Year Proves It—

## 79% Sales Increases for Renewal Equipment in March, 1917

You can persuade a motorist through advertising to buy a certain make of tire;  
—but you can't persuade him to buy it *again* unless his first experience was satisfactory;

Last year in April we announced the greatest sales increases in our history;  
—this year we are again having these same, and greater, phenomenal sales;  
—which means to you just one thing—the certainty of complete tire satisfaction.

Motorists are buying and rebuying United States Tires so universally that sales increases are piling up higher and higher,  
—far greater than the great natural growth in the number of automobiles.

### Which Proves Three Things

- (1) that motorists who have used United States Tires, continue to use them;
- (2) that more and more motorists who used other makes of tires are turning to United States Tires;
- (3) that the foremost automobile manufacturers, knowing these two facts, are using United States Tires as equipment on their cars.

### Supreme Tire Service


Put United States Tires on your car and you will get

- maximum mileage at minimum cost
- sturdy, invincible anti-skid tire service from the four anti-skids
- supreme service in all of the five.

## United States Tires Are Good Tires

A Tire for Every Need of Price and Use  
'Nobby' 'Chain' 'Royal Cord' 'Usco' 'Plain'

United States TUBES and TIRE ACCESSORIES Have All the  
Sterling Worth and Wear that Make United States  
Tires Supreme.



# PAIGE

## The Most Beautiful Car in America

WE believe that in this new Paige Stratford "Six 51" you will find every essential, every feature, every detail that go to make up luxurious motoring. It is a great, roomy, seven-passenger car pre-eminent, not only for the beauty of its design, but also for its sumptuous finish and equipment and the mechanical excellence of its design and construction.

You will have to see it to realize these dominant features. You will have to ride in it to realize its comfort and power. You will have to drive it to realize its ease of control and the little physical exertion its driving requires.

We believe this new Stratford, at \$1495, the Fairfield "Six-46" at \$1375, and the five-passenger Linwood "Six-39" at \$1175, offer the greatest dollar-for-dollar values in the entire motor car field.

Model	Price
Stratford "Six-51" seven-passenger	\$1495 f. o. b. Detroit
Fairfield "Six-46" seven-passenger	\$1375 f. o. b. Detroit
Linwood "Six-39" five-passenger	\$1175 f. o. b. Detroit
Brooklands "Six-39" four-passenger	\$1095 f. o. b. Detroit
Lincoln "Six-39" two or three-passenger	\$1175 f. o. b. Detroit
Lincoln "Six-39" seven-passenger	\$1750 f. o. b. Detroit
Lincoln "Six-39" seven-passenger	\$2500 f. o. b. Detroit
Lincoln "Six-39" seven-passenger	\$1775 f. o. b. Detroit
Lincoln "Six-39" seven-passenger	\$2750 f. o. b. Detroit

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